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And there came a day, a day unlike any other, when Earth's Mightiest Heroes found themselves united against a common threat! On that day, the Avengers were born, to fight the foes no single super hero could withstand!

THE MIGHTY AVENGERS

Recently, S.H.I.E.L.D. director Nick Fury discovered that dozens of low-rent technology-based super-criminals were being secretly funded by the new prime minister of Latveria. He gathered some of the world's most colorful and misunderstood heroes--Wolverine, Daredevil, Spider-Man, Captain America, Black Widow and Luke Cage--for a covert trip to Latveria. What the heroes did not know was that Fury brought them there to overthrow the terrorist Latverian government. After the violence was over and the day was won, Fury erased the horrible memory from the heroes' minds. It was only later, when Latveria launched a vengeful counterattack, that they discovered the true nature of Fury's betrayal. ♦♦

SECRET INVASION

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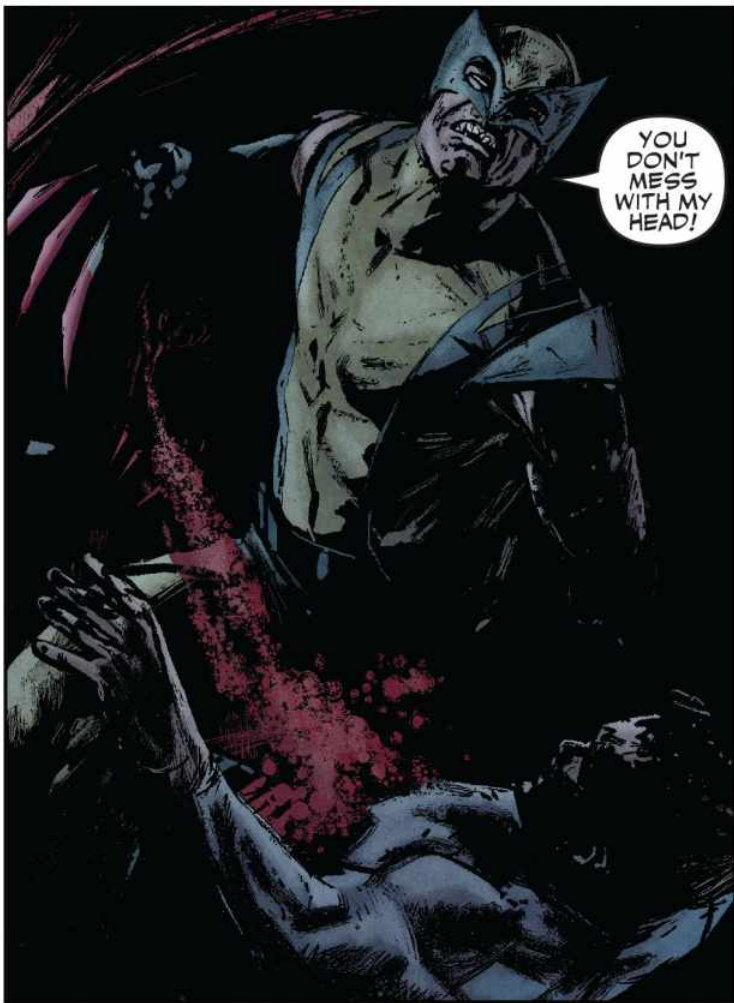
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WHAT--
WHAT *IS*
THAT
THING?

YEAH,
UM...

...THE COLONEL
EXCUSED HIMSELF
FROM THE SCENE
ONCE THE THREAT
WAS OVER.



THAT'S A...
LIFE MODEL
DECOY?

WOW,
THEY'RE MAKING
THEM GOOD
NOW.



I
KNOW YOU'RE
SSSTEAMIN'
BUT DON'T
WORRY. THIS
WAS MY BIIIIIG
FINISH.

I'M
DONE.

I
DDDDODGED
THE POLITICS OF
THIS ONCE--I
CCCCAN'T DO IT
AGAIN.



HE'S
BROADCASTING
FROM
SOMEWHERE.

WHERE
IS HE?

YOU'LL
NEVER SEE OR
HEAR FROM ME
AGAIN.

THERE'S
NOTHING MORE
I CAN DO
HERE.

THAT'S
WHY I CAME
CLEAN WITH
YA HERE.

LET
YOU HEAR
IT STRAIGHT
FROM ME.



YOU ARE
HEROES. MORE
THAN ME.

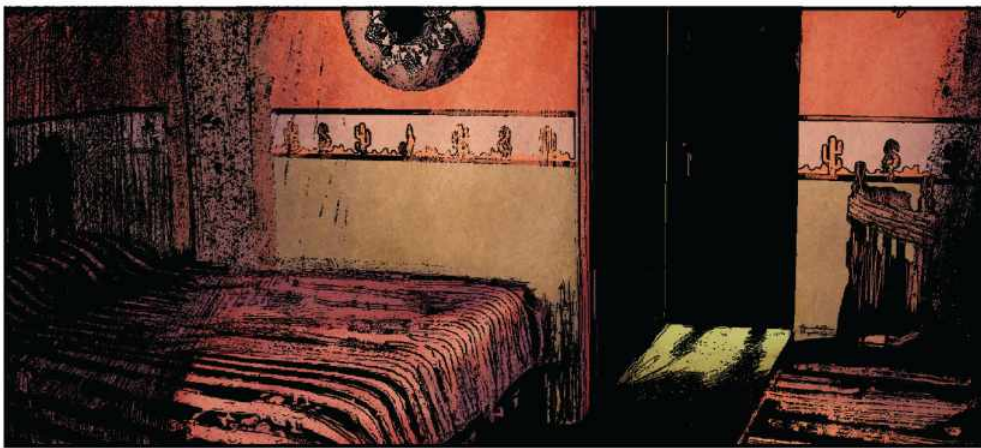
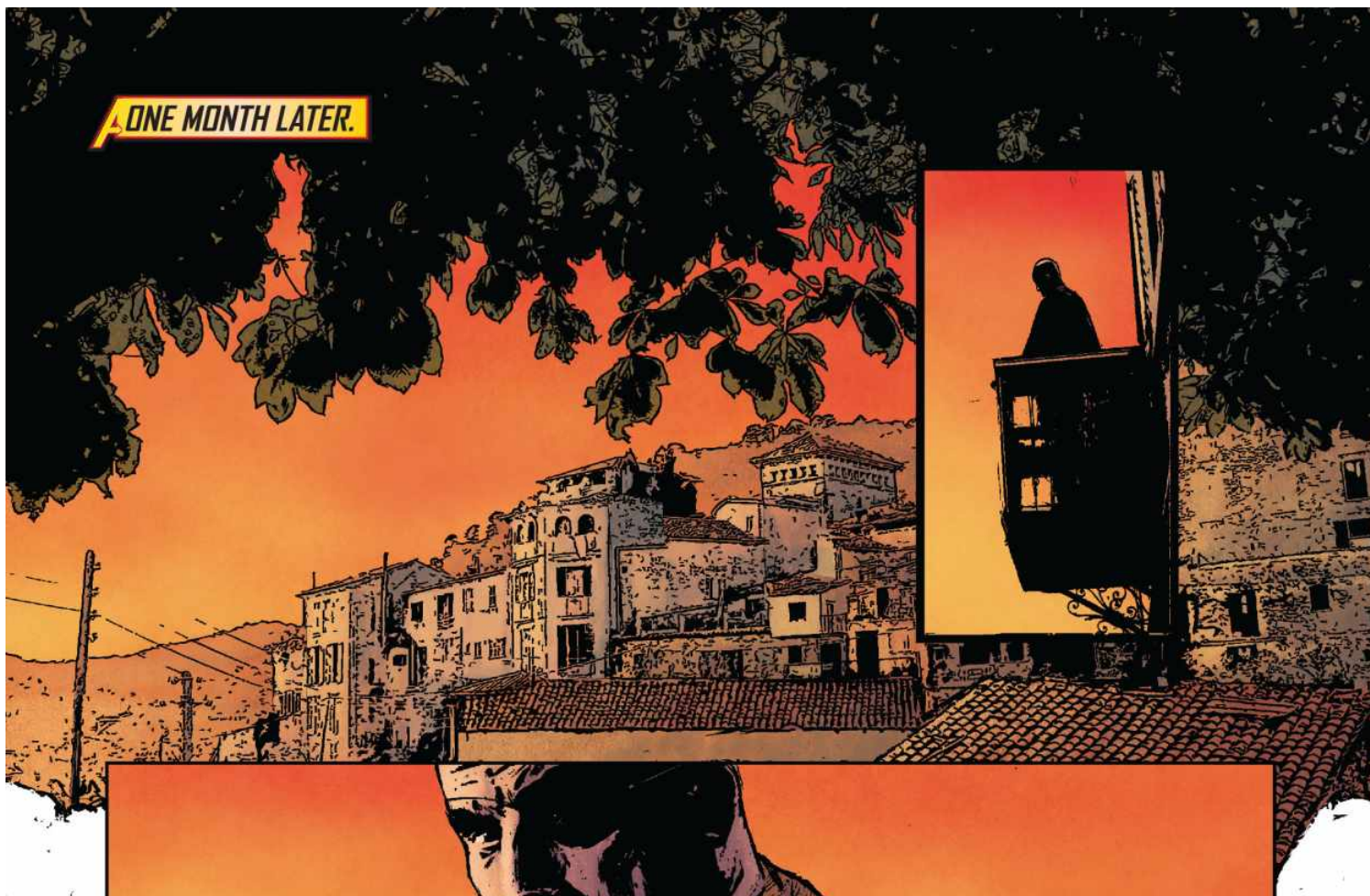
MAYBE ONE
DAY YOU'LL LOOK
AROUND AND YOU'LL
SEE THE WORLD
LIKE I HAVE TO,
AND YOU'LL KNOW
I DID THE RIGHT
THING.

OR AT
LEAST YOU'LL
UNDERSTAND
WHY I DID

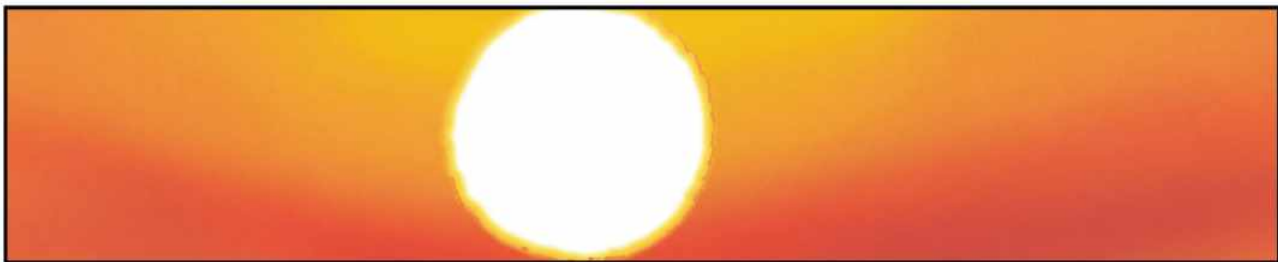
SIGNIN'
OFFTTTTTTTTT.



ONE MONTH LATER.

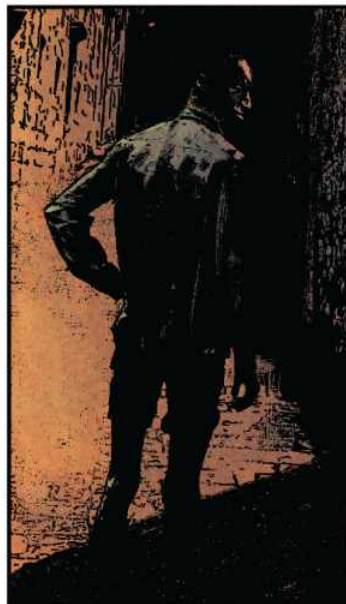




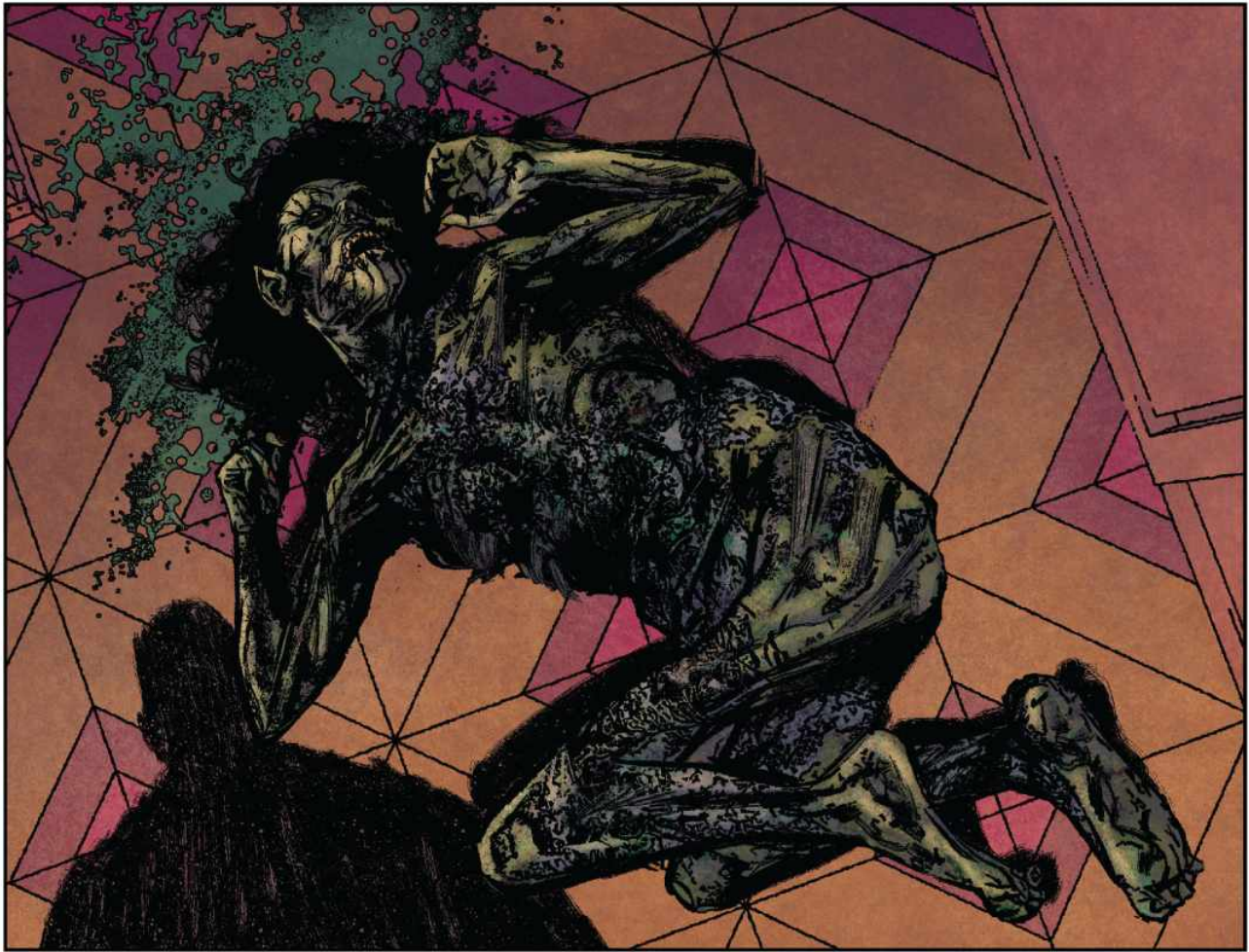


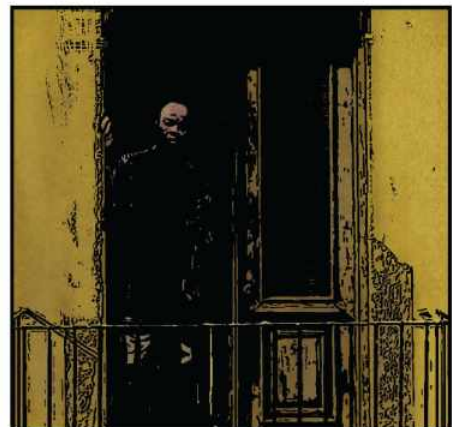
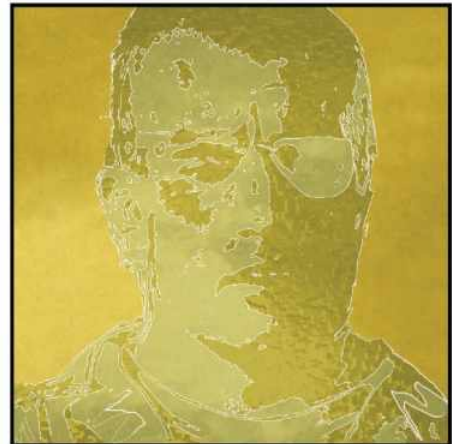
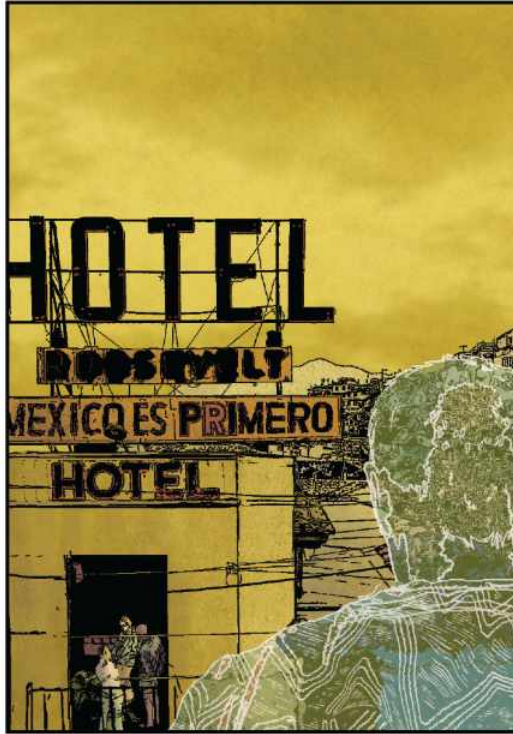
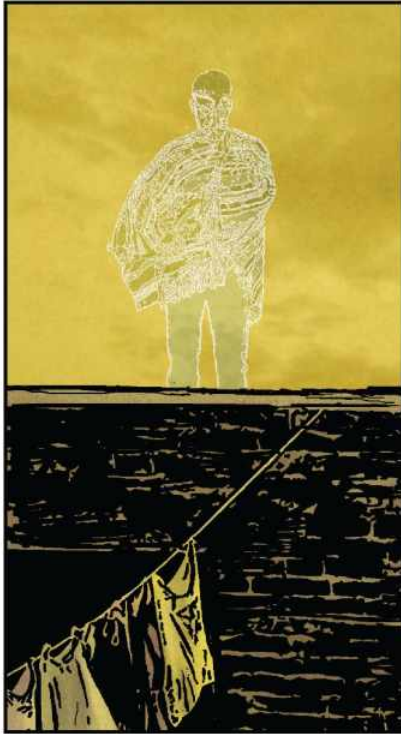


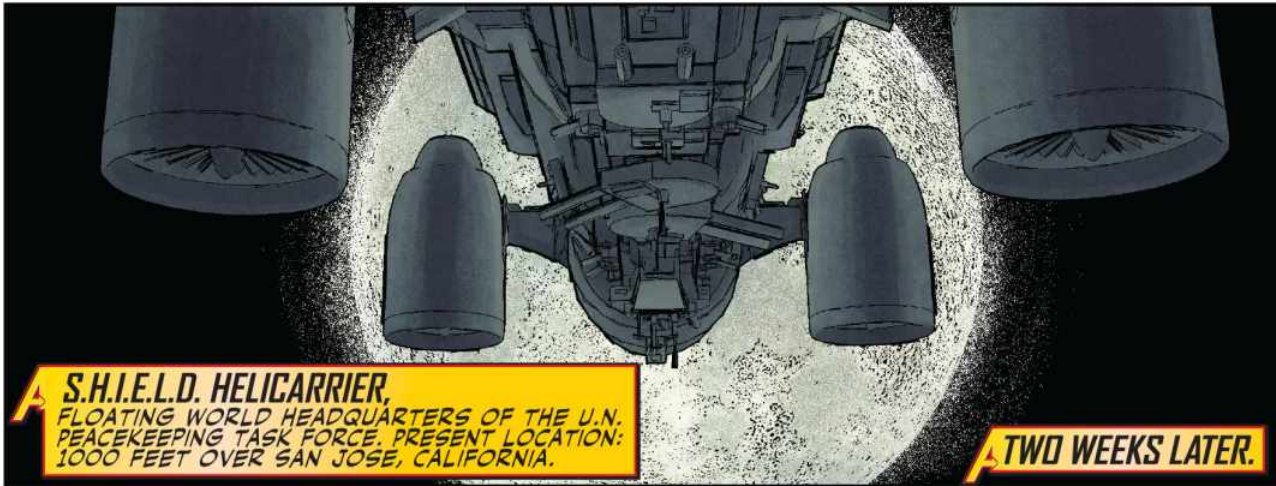












S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER,
FLOATING WORLD HEADQUARTERS OF THE U.N.
PEACEKEEPING TASK FORCE. PRESENT LOCATION:
1000 FEET OVER SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

TWO WEEKS LATER.



TAP TAP

TAP TAP



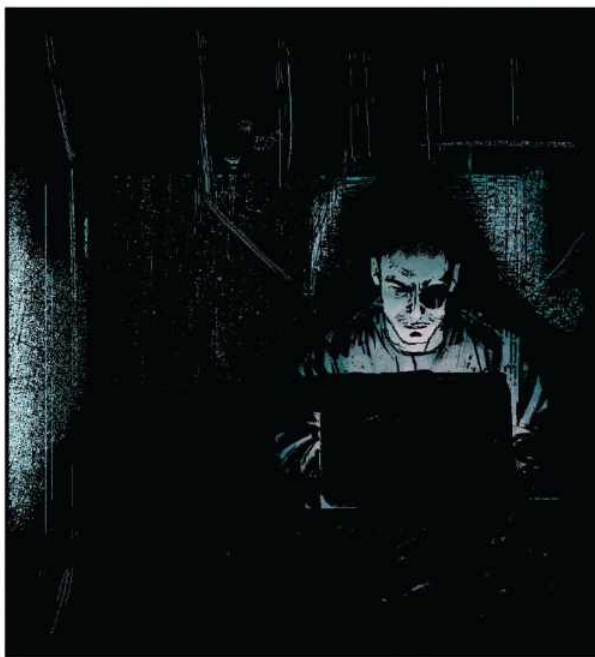
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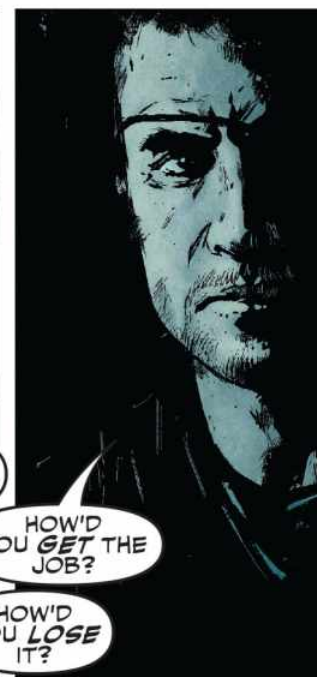
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TAP TAP TAP



OH
MY
GOD!

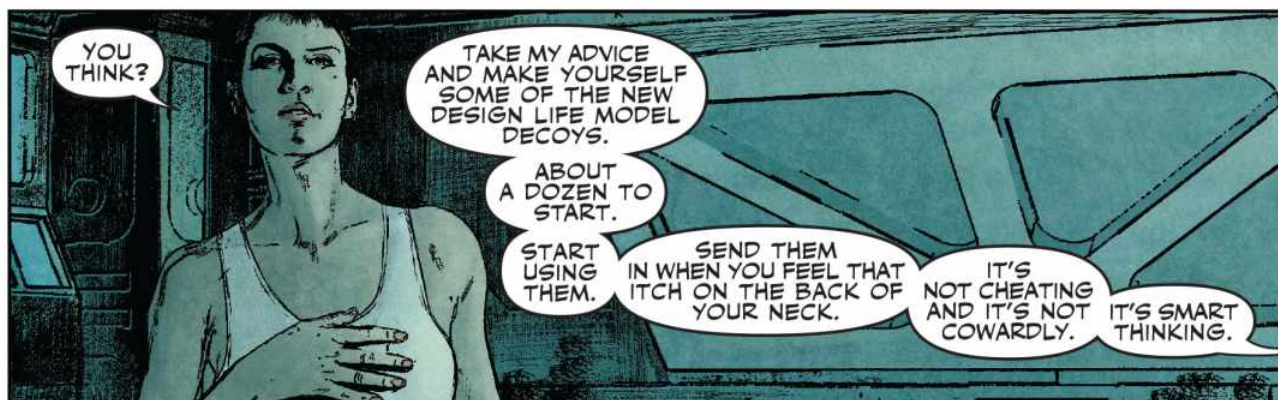




I CAME
HERE TO TELL
YOU THAT YOU'RE
NOT SAFE.

YOU ARE
SURROUNDED BY THOSE
WHO ARE LOOKING TO
TAKE YOU OUT.

INCLUDING
PEOPLE ABOARD
THIS SHIP.



YOU
THINK?

TAKE MY ADVICE
AND MAKE YOURSELF
SOME OF THE NEW
DESIGN LIFE MODEL
DECOYS.

ABOUT
A DOZEN TO
START.

START
USING
THEM.

SEND THEM
IN WHEN YOU FEEL THAT
ITCH ON THE BACK OF
YOUR NECK.

IT'S
NOT CHEATING
AND IT'S NOT
COWARDLY.

IT'S SMART
THINKING.



THE OTHER THING IS: I'LL
BE WATCHING YOU.

FIRST INKLING I GET
THAT YOU AIN'T WHAT YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO BE...

...YOU AIN'T DOIN' WHAT'S
IN THE BEST INTERESTS
OF...THE PLANET...

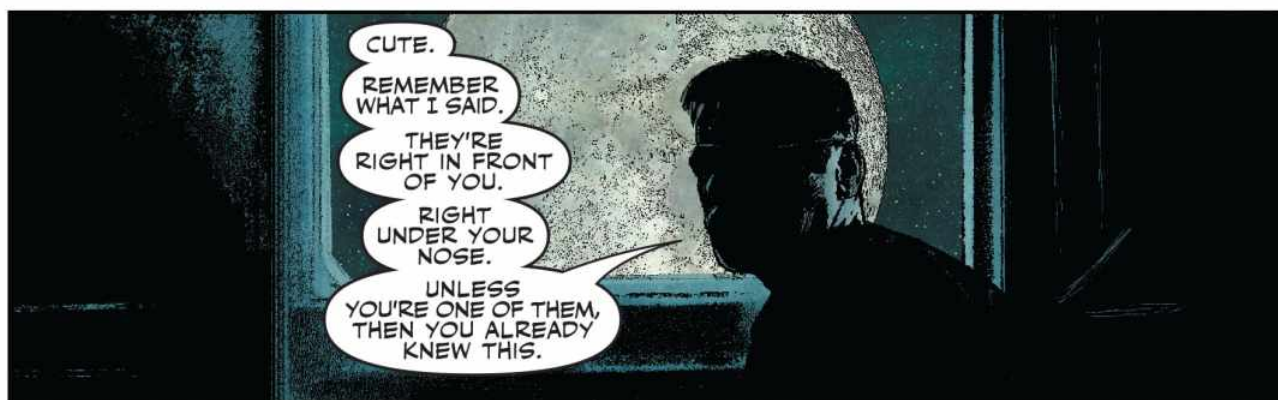
...I COME IN
HERE, WHILE YOU'RE
SLEEPING.

YOU NEVER WAKE UP.

YOU KNOW PLENTY
OF PEOPLE THAT KNOW I
AIN'T B.S.IN' YOU ABOUT THAT.



GOT A
NUMBER I CAN REACH
YOU AT...IN CASE
I NEED ANY MORE
ADVICE?



CUTE.

REMEMBER
WHAT I SAID.

THEY'RE
RIGHT IN FRONT
OF YOU.

RIGHT
UNDER YOUR
NOSE.

UNLESS
YOU'RE ONE OF THEM,
THEN YOU ALREADY
KNEW THIS.



CODE
WHITE!

REPEAT,
CODE
WHITE!



HELICARRIER
ONE, WE HAVE HIM.
OVER.

KEEP VISUAL.
OVER.

IS THAT
REALLY HIM?
OVER.



RECON TWO,
AGENTS FREDA AND
CORNELIUS. REPORT.
OVER.



WE ARE
IN THE AIR.
IN PURSUIT.
OVER.

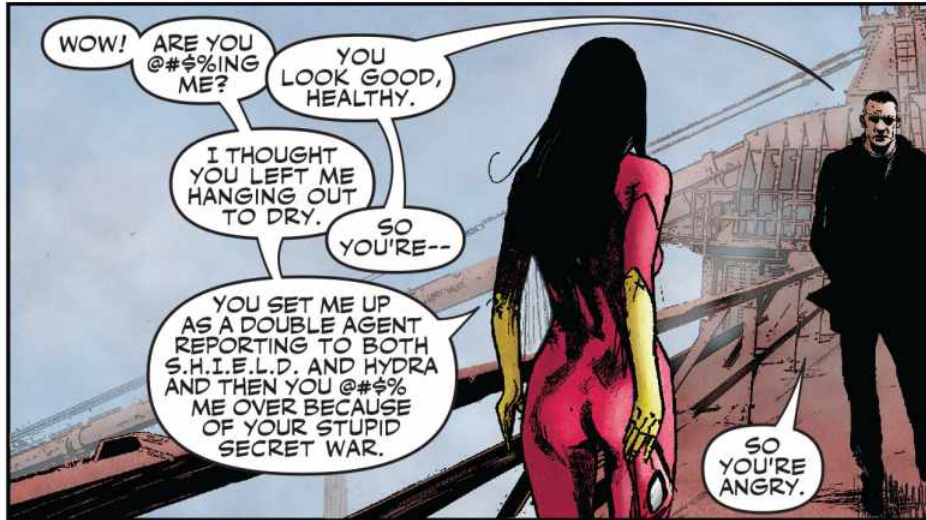
SHOULD
WE OPEN FIRE,
OVER?

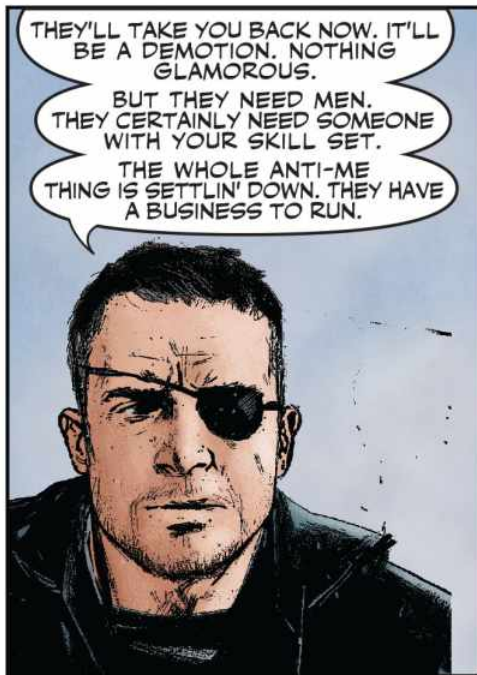


UH,
WE LOST
VISUAL.

HE'S
CLOAKED.









AN ALIEN?

YOU EVER *SEEN* ONE?

NO.

THING IS, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW IT IF YOU DID. THEY CAN CHANGE SHAPE.

THEY CAN LIVE AMONG US.

AND THEY'RE--YOU THINK THEY GOT INTO S.H.I.E.L.D.?

MAYBE.

HOW DO WE FIND OUT?

CAREFULLY.

NOW YOU GOT ME *REALLY* CREEPED. HOW DO I KNOW *YOU'RE* NOT ONE?

YOU DON'T. AND I *REALLY* DON'T KNOW *YOU'RE* NOT...



EXCEPT THAT I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR THREE DAYS.

I THOUGHT IT WAS TWO.

IT'S BEEN A WEEK.

THAT REALLY CREEPS ME OUT EVEN MORE THAN THE OTHER THING.



HEY, WHAT CAN I TELL YOU? IT'S THE TIMES WE LIVE IN.

YOU IN?



SO NOW I'LL BE A *TRIPLE* AGENT.

HYDRA, S.H.I.E.L.D., AND I'M REPORTING BACK TO YOU, WHO WORKS FOR NO ONE.



MANKIND.

OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

I KNOW THIS IS CRAPPY. I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN IN LIMBO. IT IS WHAT IT IS.

WAS *THAT* AS CLOSE TO AN APOLOGY AS I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF YOU?

YOU IN?



WHAT ARE *YOU* GOING TO DO?



I'LL TELL YOU *EXACTLY* WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.



I'M GOING TO FIGURE THIS OUT.

I'M GOING TO PUT ALL THE PIECES TOGETHER.

